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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 27, 2002

In response to the Non-Final Office Action, mailed August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth below be entered and request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action in light of these amendments and the remarks below.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply will be due November 27, 2002, therefore, this response in considered to be filed timely.



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